

Preamble/Guiding Principles

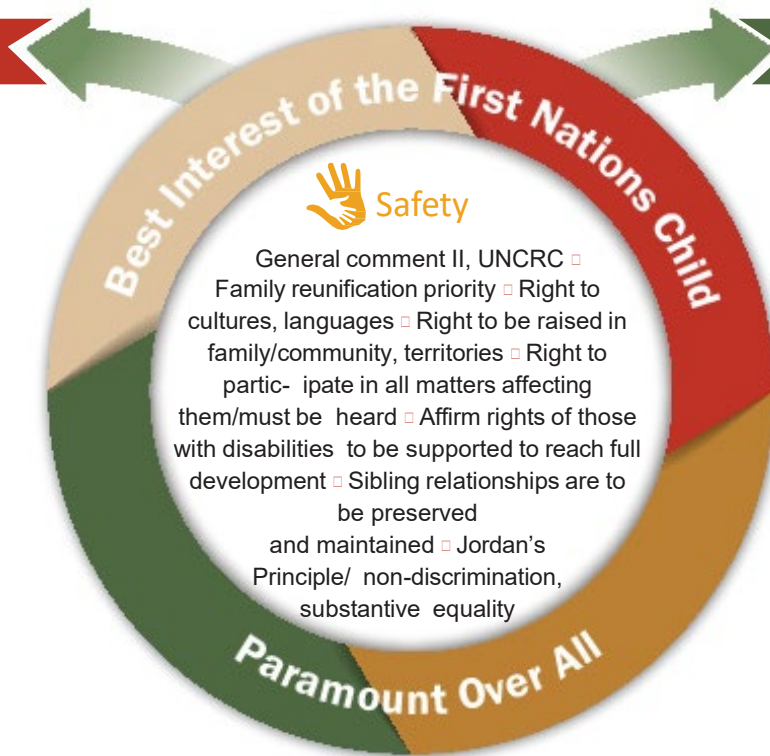
International UNDRIP/TRC/s.35/Treaties/Self-Determination/Colonialism must end/End over-representation

“Children are sacred and loved and their inherent worth, dignity, distinctiveness and integrity should be respected including freedom to live the life they wish to live.”



Critical Tools

1. Priority on placement in family/ community, kinship
2. Full faith and credit for First Nations laws and policies
3. FN children should be sent to FN system
4. Ways to handle conflicts where belong to two FNs
5. Birth alerts should be avoided supports in place
6. Tools/Guiding Principles build on existing S-G agreements, comp- claims, affirm Treaties



Special Circumstances

- Reduce the children in care
- Remote and Northern children & Youth need extra support
- Children should NOT be removed due to poverty, substandard housing or health issues
- Children should access services in their own community

First Nations Laws/Governments

s.88 Indian Act is pushed out/non-derogation clause added



Examples of Law Making

- Prevention
- Family Support
- Child Protection/Guardianship
- Youth Support
- Special Needs
- Residential Services
- Customary Adoption
- Reunification
- Post-majority & transition to adulthood
- Emergency Services
- Child and Youth participation



Service Organizations

Created or partner with others - effective to keep BIC



Decisions

Resolve Matters Using:

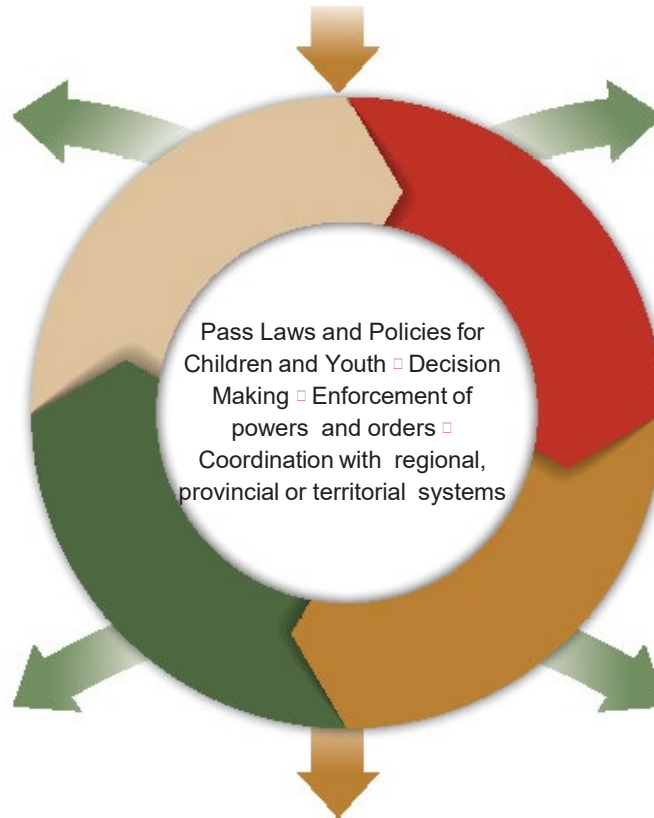
- Customary Processes
- Informal Methods
- Formal Process
- Tribal Courts



Collaborate

Capacity to enter agreements with provinces, territorial governments, agencies based on own priorities

- Delegate powers and services



First Nations Laws have **PRECEDENCE** over other laws unless stated shared with other governments

Transition

Co-development of Political Accords

Collaboration/respectful relationship, SDM, fairness to meet UNDRIP,

BIC

All Institutions



Independent Child Advocacy Roll

- Focus on voice of child/youth
- Well-being of children, youth and families
- Promote rights and change
- Promote systemic awareness and reform so BIC paramount
- Social Developments of health

CHRT Rulings and Oversight

- Need to develop ongoing approach to protect and administer ruling (payments to advert former CICs)

Independent Institution



First Nations Directed

Institute to support Reform

- Training and Technical Assistance
- Knowledge transfer/Info exchange
- Best practices/Service Standards
- Help develop, improve policy, standards
- Data and accountability
- Complaint functions, BIC to be heard/ participate
- Social determinants of health, wellness and improved public reporting on progress areas to improve
- Dispute resolution



Periodic Review:

Independent review of Legislation every X years, to make improvements, in partnership with First Nations and receive input from First Nation governments.



Fiscal Principle:

Canada provides predictable, stable, sustainable and needs based Funding to secure long-term positive outcomes for First Nation children, youth and families.



Regulations:

Co-develop more detail in regulation to:

- Build over time
- Liability insurance and key fiscal + operating requirements
- Procedures to trigger recognition and transition
- Disputes B/W Canada and First Nations